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- (i) 262 ATMAAs have been established in 27 States and 2 UTs;
- (ii) Strategic Research and Extension Plans (SREPs) have been prepared for 243 ATMA districts;
- (iii) About 7400 Commodity Interest Groups (CIGs) of farmers have been formed;
- (iv) About 10 lakh farmers, including small and marginal farmers, have participated in the following extension activities under the Scheme:

Demonstrations	-	2,08,180
Trainings	-	1,16,150
Exposure visit	-	16,044
Kisan Melas/Goshthis	-	6,65,420

- (v) Involvement of Non-Governmental sector in implementation of extension activities and coverage of women farmers are other promising features of the scheme.

(c) Presently this scheme is in operation in 19 districts in Maharashtra namely: Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Amravati, Akola, Buldhana, Gadchiroli, Hingoli, Jalna, Kolhapur, Latur, Nadurbar, Pune, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurga, Sangli, Thane, Washim, Wardha and Yavatmal.

Availability of foodgrains

3210. SHRIBALAVANT4LMSBALAPTE:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains has declined during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANT! LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The per capita availability of foodgrains has been fluctuating during the last five years as may be seen from the table given below:

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(Kg. per year)

Year	Rice	Wheat	Pulses	Total Foodgrains
2002	83.5	60.8	12.9	180.4
2003	66.2	65.8	10.6	159.7
2004	71.3	59.2	13.1	168.9
2005	64.7	56.3	11.5	154.2
2006(P)	72.5	55.9	11.7	162.3

(P)-Provisional

Such estimates are not worked out State-wise.

(c) In order to increase production and productivity and thereby the per capita availability, the Government has taken several initiatives like Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) for Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), enhancing institutional credit flow to the farmers, ensuring timely availability of quality inputs, accelerating diversification to high value crops including horticulture, optimizing the efficient utilization of available water resources through micro irrigation and enhancing the sustainability of dryland/rain fed farming system, reforming agricultural markets and putting in place a broader spectrum of risk management apparatus for farmers.

Effect of global warming on agriculture production

3211. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that global warming is adversely affecting the agriculture production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the quantum of decline in the agricultural produce during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise, produce-wise (*i.e.* rice, wheat, sugarcane, oilseeds, etc.);